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SUBJECT: NEW TOP BURUNDI LEADERSHIP

1. BURUNDI RADIO ANNOUNCED NOVEMBER 10 THAT PRESIDENT BAGAZA HAD APPOINTED LIEUT COLONEL NZAMBIMANA (FORMER PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER) AS PRIME MINISTER, WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR FORMING A GOVERNMENT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CABINET SHOULD BE NAMED IN DAY OR TWO. ROMORS PERSIST THAT AMB NZEYIMANA IS ONE OF LEADING CANDIDATES FOR FOREIGN MINISTERSHIP. BURUNDI HAS LONG NEEDED AN ACTIVE PRIME MINISTER TO KNOCK HEADS TOGETHER AND FORCE COORDINATION AMONG VIRTUALLY AUTONOMOUS MINISTERS, AND NZAMBIMANA WILL PROBABLY HAVE ENOUGH AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE HIS OWN ROLE.

2. BURUNDI RADIO HAS NOW BROADCAST FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON COLONEL BAGAZA. HE WAS BORN AUGUST 29, 1946 AND HAD PRIMARY SCHOOLING AT RUTOVU PARISH SCHOOL IN BURURI PROVINCE. HE STARTED HIS SECONDARY SCHOOL AT JESUIT-RUN "COLLEGE DU SAINT ESPRIT" (HOLY GHOST ACADEMY) IN BUJUMBURA, BUT FINISHED IT (PROBABLY FROM 1962 OR 1963 ON) AT THE CADET SCHOOL IN BRUSSELS. FROM 1966 TO 1970, HE WAS AT THE BELGIAN MILITARY SCHOOL (IN THE ALL BRANCHES AND SERVICES SECTION "SECTION TOUTES ARMES") FROM WHICH HE OBTAINED A DEGREE IN SOCIAL AND MILITARY SCIENCES. BEFORE

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RETURNING TO BURUNDI ON SEPTEMBER 16, 1971 HE SPENT A YEAR AT

THE ARLON ARMY SCHOOL. IN BURUNDI, HE SERVED AS A GENERAL STAFF OFFICER UNTIL JULY 23, 1972, WHEN HE WAS NAMED DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, A POSITION WHICH HE HELD UNTIL THE NOVEMBER ONE COUP.

3. REF STATE 274649 (NOTAL), FOREIGN MINISTRY TELLS US THAT IT HAS NO PHOTOGRAPH OF BAGAZA AT THE MOMENT, BUT EXPECTS TO HAVE ONE SOON FOR DISTRIBUTION TO EMBASSIES.
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